## Covenant Life

- Our next Gathering is <u>TODAY</u> at 3pm. Come and bring a friend. We will have Childrens Ministry today for children ages of 5-10 following praise & worship until the closing prayer. Please help pass the word to young families!
- We plan to start a Life in the Spirit seminar on Oct 8<sup>th</sup>. Pass the word to anyone interested in a deeper understanding and experience of the Holy Spirit!
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary content is available <u>here</u>; past prayer meeting audio is <u>here</u>, Word Gift summaries are <u>here</u>, and transcripts are <u>here</u>.
- Your ongoing financial support to the Community is sincerely appreciated. Please donate online here or mail your donations to P.O. Box 225008 Dallas, Tx 75222.

St. Peter was an interesting person, one that many of us can likely identify with. I have enjoyed watching <u>The Chosen</u> as they bring him to life. The <u>Gospel</u> today gives us a particular view and maybe presents each of us an opportunity to respond.

The disciples have been traveling with Jesus for some time, observing many miracles and hearing Him speak truth to the Jewish leaders. In the scene today Jesus poses the question of "Who do the people say that I am?" to all His disciples. Mathew records that 'they' respond with various answers, so Jesus repeats the question but this time asking, "who do you say that I am". It is Peter who speaks up and declares that Jesus is the Son of the living God! With that response, Jesus can accomplish one of the most important tasks given Him by the Father!

God has a mission for every one of us. Every moment of every day we have a choice to ignore, respond negatively, or response positively. Right now, God is asking us this same question. Who do we say He is? And are we living consistent with our answer?

Let us spend some time in prayer today and picture our Lord asking us this question. Who do we say He is? And importantly, are we living consistent with our answer? We can invite the Holy Spirit to reveal areas of our lives where maybe we are not living consistent with our proclamation. This is not a time to beat ourselves

up but rather a chance to remember His unconditional love and declare again He is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and allow Him to speak His message of unconditional love to us.

Jesus wants to, again and again, transform us (as Simon to Peter) and build His church upon our declaration. The Holy Spirit is about a great work, in us individually and as a Community. The Holy Spirit is drawing new people and young families to us who are hungry to live a deeper Life in the Spirit and are seeking community. We have lived community for fifty years and have much to offer to those whom the Lord is calling. Let us declare, as Peter did, that He is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, by our lives, by the decisions we make, by the way we spend our time, by living transformed lives that prioritize Him above everything.

Allow me to end with an appeal. We have restarted Children's ministry. We are hosting events to bring together those that God is leading to us, and we plan to restart teaching Life in the Spirit and community teachings. We are in need of volunteers to help with food, childcare, small group discussion leaders, teachers, etc. If you are willing to serve, please respond to this letter, contact me or another coordinator so that we can help the Holy Spirit touch the lives of those He is calling into a deeper walk with Him.

Let us pray, "Jesus, I declare You the Son of the Living God and my personal Lord and Savior! Show me any area of my life that I need to change for You to transform me as You transformed Peter. I want to be a rock that You can use to build Your church today. I love You and give myself fully to You. Send Your Holy Spirit into my life in a new and deeper way."

God Bless, David